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INSTITUTE INKLINGS

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JANUARY 27, 1967

IS IT WORTHWHILE:
PERSONALLY AND NATIONALLY?

HARRIS POLL REVEALS COLLEGE ATTITUDES

The Peace Corps has gone far toward improving the United States' image abroad, particularly in the globe-circling belt of 52 developing countries where 15,000 Volunteers now serve.

An opinions profile drawn recently by Louis Harris pollsters from conversations with 1,200 college seniors across the nation showed that 51 per cent felt the Peace Corps helped to cast a favorable American image overseas; 86 per cent said they believed the Peace Corps was doing an "excellent" or "good" job.

The poll was undertaken to determine student attitudes toward the Peace Corps and other public affairs issues, such as the Vietnam war, civil rights and the War on Poverty.

The Peace Corps was judged the most successful American effort abroad in terms of not only promoting a better "image," but of improving the well-being of foreign peoples.

Attitudes diverged, however, between the total sample of seniors and about 250 who already had been accepted by the Peace Corps. The latter

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NEW IMAGE

It seems with the advent of the new Grace and Anton Hulman Memorial Student Union Building on campus that there has been a noticeable change in the social life of the Rose student.

In the past, fraternities have almost completely fulfilled the need of a social life on campus. However, with a growing enrollment Rose has become to need an additional source of social life. The new student union appears to have provided the start for such a source. It has already housed the Computer Dance, several mixers, and even several fraternity functions.

However, this does not appear to be the end. Deming Hall has begun to

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Rose Institute Broadens Service

TERRE HAUTE, IND. (Special)—What happens when highly skilled technicians at a government installation feel they need additional training but cannot take time from their jobs to attend college?

You take the college to them.

With the opening of the second quarter, Rose Polytechnic Institute broadened its services by offering graduate work to technical personnel at the Crane Naval Ammunition Depot.

The possibility of offering advanced academic work had been explored for some time by Naval Depot officials. Following planning discussions with members of the Rose administration and faculty, the program was announced last year and applications were invited.

From the original list of applicants who were found to be qualified according to Rose standards, 16 enrolled in the program leading to the M.S. degree in Engineering Science. Students themselves pay for the course but are reimbursed by the Navy upon successful completion of the work.

Although most have earned bachelor's degrees in Electrical or Mechanical Engineering or Engineering Science, one student is a Doctor of Medicine.

Under the direction of Dr. Ralph A. Llewellyn, chairman of the Rose Graduate Committee, 12 courses in Mathematics, Physics and Electrical Engineering were specified which students could complete in three years for the master's degree. Sessions are being planned during the regular college year and through the summer.

The first course, Advanced Engineering Mathematics, is taught each Wednesday and Friday afternoon by Dale Oexmann, Rose mathematics instructor.

With the development of the program, it is hoped that a broader selection leading into other fields may be offered at Crane.

WHAT PRICE PROMINENCE?

Editor's Note:

The Inklings is very proud to present to the Rose Community the winning Tau Beta Pi Essay.

By Dick Osburn

Our recent national elections have once again brought to light a question which has been raised with increasing frequency throughout a majority of our twentieth century political campaigns: Are national political offices, and with them national prominence, bestowed upon those whose character, past record, and integrity merit them, or can they be purchased, like any other commodity, by an individual with sufficient monetary backing? As a sidelight to an investigation of this important question one might ask himself if the rags-to-riches tales concerning the ascendancies to the presidency of men such as Andrew Jackson and Abraham Lincoln would be possible in our modern version of the American dream.

The Pennsylvania gubernatorial contest of 1966 was a graphic example of the present trend in national politics. The candidate on one of the two major party tickets was a man worth millions of dollars. Three years before the election he was a political nonentity, completely devoid of experience in public office, and unknown to all but a few businessmen among the constituents of his home state. Just two and one-half years later, however, after pouring several of his own millions into an intense, far-reaching campaign, he surprised the political powers of Pennsylvania and the nation by sweeping his party's primary away from the overwhelming favorite by a considerable majority. "By the time of the November elections his name was as familiar to the voters of Pennsylvania as that of their president." In the final poll the people chose to bestow the governorship upon his opponent. The outcome, however, was astonishingly close in

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As editor of the INSTITUTE INKLINGS I have made the following appointments for the Winter Quarter, 1967. Taken into consideration for the appointments were ability, past experience, and above all, desire to work for the betterment of the newspaper.

Editor—Chuck Webb
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Assistant Editor—Stephen Mitchell

NEW IMAGE . . .

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make plans for a dormitory party. As of yet no definite date has been set. Entertainment, refreshment, finance, and decoration committees, though, are currently being formed.

The facilities of Rose's campus, i. e., dormitories, two lakes, tennis courts, etc., have not been utilized in fulfilling the social life of the average Rose student. It is hoped that these facilities are used; and a girl on campus becomes not an earth-shaking event but an everyday occurrence.

— Jim Wong

EDITORIALS . . .

ARE YOU WORTHY?

Did you know that you are "Man of the Year?" Time Magazine so proclaimed this statement in their January 2, 1967, edition. Do you really think that you are worthy of this title? Sometimes I wonder whether we are actually seeing ourselves as others see us.

Each person is an individual with certain rights, but he must keep in mind his limits of responsibility. The recent actions of disrespect for property, the rights of others, the safety of all, and the person's own self respect have brought me to write on this subject. We are Rose men and by definition, that term is synonymous with gentlemen. The behavior of some individuals has caused me to consider them as approaching the immature barbarian. Is my language too harsh for you? Be shocked if it is, because a rude awakening is needed now!

Consider for a moment the idea of the rules of society. Is the idea to break the rules at all or just not get caught? This question has faced this campus before and probably will many times more. In the face of indecision on our part let us all try to do a little introspection and hopefully decide to remember who we are, what we are, where we are, and why we are here. There is a time for fun—I am all for it—but let us keep the fun in good spirit and respect one another. Take care of our campus. Show to all that each of us is proud of Rose and being a Rose man.

CEW

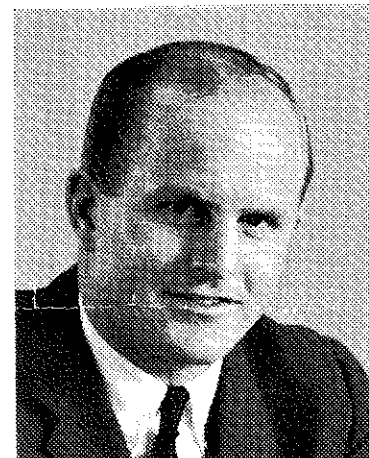
OH, THE TIMES, THEY ARE A CHANGIN' . . .

In a way of welcome to all those who have returned to our beloved 123 acres, the new Inklings staff and I wish to say "Hello dere!" We sincerely hope that now you are back and recovering from those wild (?) Christmas and New Year's holidays.

By now you have noticed something new. Yes, what you are holding in your hands is another product of the "New Rose." Oh, the times, they are a changin' . . . , and the Institute Inklings is trying to keep up. I hope you like our new format. As you will notice, the paper is a little better and a lot stiffer. It seems as if it will now go only to the circular file or fireplace when you are finished rather than some previously known places.

The staff and I are going to give it the good old college (institute) try to bring you an overwhelming abundance of information for your desimation on a weekly schedule. Watch for the Inklings every Friday. I would welcome any comments, criticism, and praise (I hope!) from any and all who care to write me on typewritten, double spaced, and signed letter to the editor. You are deserving of a medal now yourself to have read this far, and I thank you. Watch us grow!

CEW



CHUCK WENTZ

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Letter To The Editor

It must appear to any one who tours our campus this year that the engineering feats that have lately been performed on campus do not commend our school very well. Visitors may have cause to doubt our prowess in the engineering and sciences when they are confronted with "The Wall."

"The Wall" is located outside the pool room; it is attached to the steps coming down from the Union's lounge. I have heard rumor that it is supposed to be a rough adfixure so to resemble a stone foundation, but with its rough lines of concrete, where the joints of the forms were, it hardly depicts itself as a stone fixture. But I must say that the series of small round dots are in uniform sequence and thus one might suppose that this is where our ROTC firing squad holds its sessions. Even for a rough appearance the joints should have been rubbed out as should have the dots, then the wall might have been sand-blasted.

BSB has a wonderful atmosphere for studying. I like its spacious room

much more than any of those in the other dorms, but I am constantly bothered by a feeling that the ceiling is falling. This feeling of anxiety must surely be caused by the well defined pock-marks that the plywood forms left.

Events such as the bank's caving in over by ABC dorms just should not occur on any type of an inspected job. In most federal governmentally contracted jobs, all earth used in any type of fill must be compacted by either a hand tamp in lifts of three inches or by rollers in lifts of six to ten inches.

In governmental contracts there are penalty fines imposed when work is not completed on schedule. Sometimes extensions are granted, but in most contracts these are few and very short.

I do not propose to be a designer nor a great engineer, but if we as students are to be proud of our institution, we must also be proud of its buildings, which should be well constructed and suited to their purposes plus show some skill in the field of engineering practices.

If the items mentioned in this article were planned this way, then I must offer my apology to the school. But I would also suggest that we find a new designer or inspector who is qualified to take responsibilities for the work of the contractor.

I am almost certain that the mechanics of this article are in error, but I just could not find an English major on campus who would correct them.

— Edward Shaw

Editor's Note:

If Mr. Shaw seems to know as much about concrete as he purports to us, maybe he should quit school and begin his own concrete construction firm to snare these Government Projects. Also he seems to have forgotten that we have a humanities department. But how could he?

"THE INHERITOR" MAN OF 1966

Editor's Note:

In this first issue I thought it would be informative to include the news release on Time Magazine's Man of the Year. Please take time to read it and consider its importance to each of us. It has a deserving message for the Youth of America as well as the World. I thank Time Magazine for sending me the release, and it is with their permission that it is printed.

CEW

NEW YORK, Jan. 1--The New Generation, the man -- and woman -- of 25 and under, the generation now rising to power, will be named 1966's Man of the Year tomorrow by The Editors of Time, The Weekly Newsmagazine.

In selecting for the 40th year the man or woman who "dominated the news of that year and left an indelible mark -- for good or ill -- on history," Time's editors said: "Despite his tolerance of quixotic causes and idiosyncratic roles, the Man of the Year reflects -- more accurately than he might care to admit -- many of the mainstream currents in society at large."

In the closing third of the 20th century, "that generation looms larger than all the exponential promises of science or technology, for it will soon be the majority in charge. In the U.S., citizens of 25 and under in 1966 outnumbered their elders; by 1970, there will be 100 million Americans in that age bracket. In other big, highly industrialized nations, notably Russia and Canada, the young also constitute half the population. If the statistics imply change, the unique credentials of the younger generation guarantee it."

"A New Kind of Generation"

"Never in history," Time goes on, "have the young been so assertive or articulate, so well-educated or so worldly. Predictably, they are a highly independent breed, and -- to adult eyes -- their independence has made

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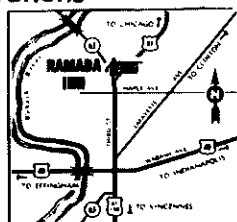
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them highly unpredictable. This, in consequence, is not just a new generation, but a new kind of generation.

"Cushioned by unprecedented affluence and the welfare state, he has a sense of economic security unmatched in history. Granted an ever-lengthening adolescence and life-span, he no longer feels the cold pressures of hunger and mortality that drove Mozart to write a whole canon of work before his death at 35.

"Reared in a prolonged period of world peace, he has a unique sense of control over his own destiny--barring the prospect of a year's combat in a brush fire war. Science and the knowledge explosion have armed him with more tools to choose his life pattern than he can always use: physical and intellectual mobility, personal and financial opportunity, a vista of change accelerating in every direction.

"For all his endowments and prospects, he remains a vociferous skeptic. Never have the young been left more completely to their own devices. From Bombay to Berkeley, Vinh Long to Volgograd, he has clearly signalled his determination to live according to his own lights and rights. His convictions and actions, once defined, will shape the course and character of nations."

Obtuse Puritanism

This is a generation of "dazzling diversity," Time says, "encompassing a scientific elite sans pareil and a firmament of showbiz stars, ski-whizzes and sopranos, chemists and sky-watchers. Its attitudes embrace every philosophy from Anarchy to Zen; simultaneously it adheres above all to the obverse side of the Puritan ethic, that hard work is good for its own sake.

Its world-famed features range from the computer-like introspection of Bobby Fischer, 23, defending the U.S. Chess title in Manhattan last week, the craggy face of French Olympic Skier Jean-Claude Killy, 23, swooping through the slalom gates at Portillo, Chile. It is World Record Miler Jim Ryun, 19, snapping news pictures for the Topeka Capital-Journal to prepare himself for the day when he can no longer break four minutes. It is Opera Singer Jane Marsh, 24, capturing first prize at Moscow's Tchaikovsky Competition. It is Medal of Honor Winner Robert E. O'Malley, 23, who as a Marine Corps corporal in

Viet Nam, was severely wounded by enemy mortar fire yet succeeded in evacuating what remained of his platoon and killing eight V.C.s.

It is Folksinger Buffy Sainte Marie, 24, passionately arguing the cause of her fellow Indians when she is not recording top-selling LPs. It is Artist Jamie Wyeth, 20, improving on his father's style while putting some 200 hours on a portrait of John F. Kennedy; Violinist James Oliver Buswell, 20, carrying a full Harvard freshman load and a 44-city concert tour simultaneously; Actress Julie Christie, 25, shedding miniskirt for bonnet and shawl while filming Hardy's *Far From the Madding Crowd* and denouncing "kooky clothing" in the women's magazines.

The "Now" People

"Theirs is an immediate philosophy," says Time, "tailored to the immediacy of their lives. The young today no longer feel that they are merely preparing for life; they are busily living it. 'Black Power Now!' cries Stokely Carmichael. 'Action Now!' demands Mario Savio. 'Drop Out Now!' urges Timothy Leary.

"With its sense of immediacy the Now Generation couples a sense of values that is curiously compelling. In keeping with its own professionalism, its esteems inventiveness, style, honesty, grace and good looks--all qualities personified in the Now Genera-

tion's closest approximation of a hero, John F. Kennedy."

Time's story discusses in detail the "Now" people--their folkways, actions, interests and attitudes on everything from poverty to politics, including education, religion, music, dress, civil rights, love, sex, the draft and Viet Nam, which "has given the young--protesters and participants alike--the opportunity to disprove the doomcriers of the 1950s who warned that the next generation would turn out spineless and grey-flannel-souled. Henry David Thoreau would have felt at home with this generation of youth; they are as appalled as he was at the thought of leading 'lives of quiet desperation.'

"For better or for worse, the world today is committed to accelerating

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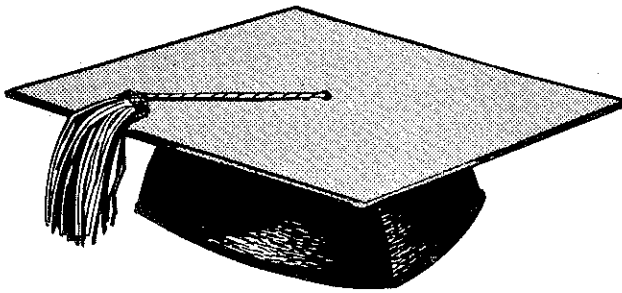
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change: radical, wrenching, erosive of both traditions and old values. Its inheritors have grown up with rapid change, are better prepared to accommodate it than any in history, indeed embrace change as a virtue in itself. With his skeptical yet humanistic outlook, his disdain for fanaticism and

his scorn for the spurious, the Man of the Year suggests that he will infuse the future with a new sense of morality, a transcendent and contemporary ethic that could infinitely enrich the 'empty society.' If he succeeds -- and he is prepared to -- the Man of the Year will be a man indeed and have a great deal of fun in the process," Time concludes.



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**GRADES STUDY**

WASHINGTON (CPS) — There seems to be no direct relationship between high grades in college and professional success in later life, two recent studies indicate.

Dr. Eli Ginzberg, a New York researcher, studied a group of Columbia University graduate students who had won fellowships to the school between 1944 and 1950. Ginzberg's task was to find out how successful the 342 students had become 14 years after they completed their fellowships.

The findings showed students who had graduated from college with honors, who had won scholastic medals or who had been elected to Phi Beta Kappa were more likely to be in the "lower professional performance levels" than students who had not distinguished themselves while in college.

In another survey, a team in University of Utah professors found there is almost no relationship between the grades a medical student gets and his later performance.

This finding startled the leader of the research team, Dr. Phillip B. Price. He called it a "shocking finding to a medical educator like myself who has spent his professional life selecting applicants for admission to medical school.

He added that the study caused him to question the adequacy of grades not only in selecting those who should be admitted to medical school but also in measuring a student's progress.

There are numerous theories attempting to explain these surprising findings. The most common one affirms that the over-emphasis on grades which begins when a student is in junior high school and continues throughout his academic career tends to destroy interest in learning for its own sake.

John Holt, an educator and author of "Why Children Fail," observes that current school methods destroy love of learning by encouraging students to work for petty rewards — names on honor rolls, gold stars, for the "ignoble satisfaction of feeling they are better than someone else."

OBSERVATIONS OF THE WEEK

The registrars were not at the appointed places at the appointed time for registration. We wonder if the students have the same prerogative.

The sole female member of the faculty is young and "attractive." We hope this will set a precedent.

BIO-SEMINAR

In the fourth of a continuing Bio-Engineering Seminar series, interested students were addressed by Dr. J. R. Mundy, of Wright-Patterson Air Force Research Center. The topic of Dr. Mundy's discussion was, "Bionics Data Processing, An Analysis in Living and Non-Living Systems." Using slides and examples, Dr. Mundy stressed the similarities between the methods of human computation and modern electronic computing systems. The electrical phenomena of nerve cells and their functions of time and frequency were related to the complex electrical relays of a computer. Dr. Mundy also displayed and explained some of the equipment which is now being used in his work at Wright-Patterson.

The Bio-Seminar, which is being sponsored by Rose's graduate bio students, is scheduled to continue into May. The purpose of the programs is to show the inter-relationships of all engineering subjects, with special emphasis on the biological aspects. Subjects have ranged from water pollution to medical engineering.

The next seminar is tentatively scheduled for February 7 with representatives of McDonnell Aircraft Co., discussing the biological aspects of space capsules.

What Price Prominence?

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a year when the opposing party won landslide victories in most areas. The fact that this man, never before having held public office, could come so close to being elected governor of one of our largest states should be sufficient reason for considerable soul-searching on the part of conscientious citizens of our country.

The political aspirant of today can become familiar to the voters of his area in one of a number of ways. He may choose to ascend the ladder of success in the traditional manner, beginning in a low post and moving up, letting his record of responsibility and integrity speak for him. Today, however, radio, television, newspapers, and other communication media have created an alternative for the politically motivated individual. This is the method of advertisement. It is presently possible, as was demonstrated in Pennsylvania, for an in-

dividual to become a contender for high public office, regardless of his qualifications, solely by contact, both personal and through the press, radio, and television, with the constituents of his area.

An integral part of today's political campaign is a solid program of advertising. Consequently, the need arises for considerable funds above and beyond the mere travel expenses involved in meeting the people. This is a deplorable situation, one which must, in the near future, be dealt with in some positive manner, for it injects into any campaign for high public office the need for considerable personal wealth on the part of interested candidates. Our country is, and has been, since the dawn of the original thirteen states, built upon a foundation of equal opportunity for all. But is the opportunity to hold high public office one which is equal for all? Could an Abraham Lincoln or an Andrew Jackson reach the White House under present conditions? An idealist might claim that the better man will win, regardless of any financial considerations involved. Idealists, however, are often bewildered by the actions of the masses. The frequency of weak, inexperienced candidates riding a strong, intense campaign into office is becoming far too great in our present government.

There are a number of ways in which the present situation might be improved, but one in particular stands out among all others. The great responsibility in this area lies with the mass communication media. They have the prerogative, as yet unexercised to any great extent, of presenting, equally, all candidates for public office. At present a policy of equal

time is supposedly adhered to by all advertising facilities. All one has to do, however, is turn on the television or radio, or open the newspaper during a political campaign to realize the inadequacies of this policy. While the actual cause is financial in nature, the real root of the problem lies in the failure of the mass communication media to live up to their obligation to the American public. It is here that the problem must be attacked.

At present the situation is not completely out of hand. Political parties of today have carried the financial burden of putting many fine men into office. Each new campaign, however, increases the seriousness of the problem. One might note that all but one of our post-World War I presidents have been independently wealthy. It is the responsibility of the conscientious citizens of our country to recognize the present trend and attempt a reversal of it. The mass communication media, where the problem originated, are dependent upon the public for their very existence, and public pressure would surely have a considerable effect upon their future policies. The opportunity for elimination of the problem is there. Our citizens must now accept the challenge.

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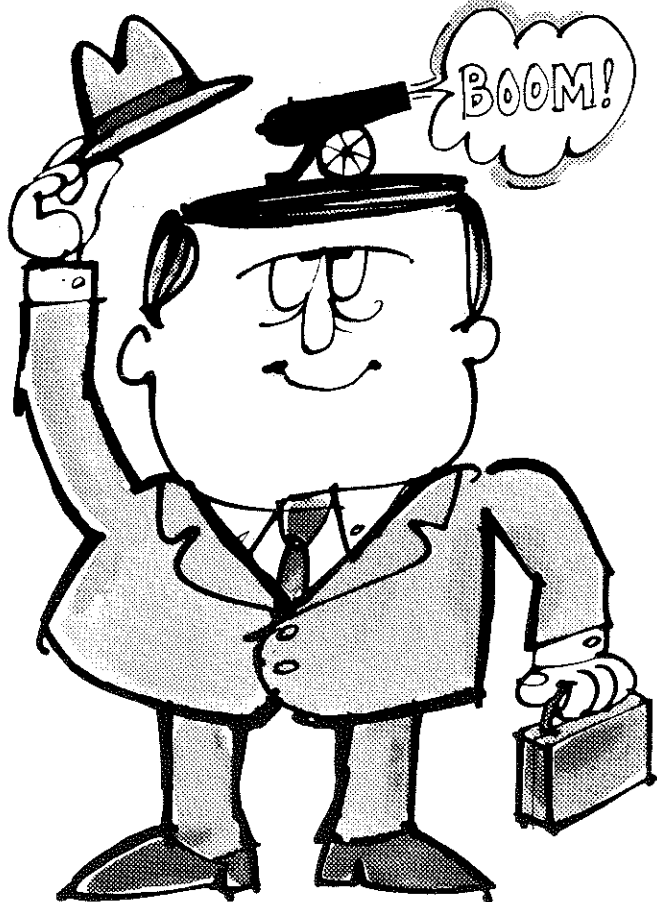
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group viewed Peace Corps service as a "chance to make personal contact and help create mutual understanding" between Americans and foreigners, while the average senior felt that an improved U.S. image was the best thing to be derived from the Peace Corps.

This last point apparently reflected an obvious and closer involvement by the Peace Corps applicants with the realities of service.

Said the Harris report: "There is a distinct sense of potential commitment and action" among those thinking of or having already applied to the Peace Corps.

"The liberal and activist sentiment they express," it continued, "is correlated with a strong feeling of dissatisfaction about the progress made in the last ten years in dealing with a roster of major problems.

"The Peace Corps is considered (by the entire sampling) the best example of what America can do in the world. It provides a natural attraction for the committed youth."

But how many "committed youth" are there? Most seniors, the survey pointed out, are career-oriented.

"It is clear," the report says, "that if the Peace Corps is to widen and intensify its appeal it must convince many seniors that two years in the Peace Corps is relevant to their future career."

What these students want, the Harris survey concludes, is "to be convinced that they would be sought after when they returned, that they would not lose seniority in our highly competitive society as the result of an idealistic hiatus, however personally rewarding."

(The second of two parts will discuss career choice trends among more than 7,000 returned Peace Corps Volunteers.)

During the first six months of 1966 the birth rate in Japan dropped some 27%. Why? Because that was the year of the Fiery Horse, and legend has it that girl babies born under this zodiacal designation will develop fiery characters and most probably 'devour' their husbands . . . 1967 is the year of the sheep.

"Be proud of the community in which you live so the community will be proud of you."—Joe Harrison, The Texas (Dickens County) Spur.

Sez Dudley Seryus: "A friend indeed is one who takes you to lunch even though you are non-deductible."

SPORTS

A History of Sports At Rose

PART 1 of a series

by John Yarish

Rose Poly has never been known for its athletic teams as much as it is for education it provides its students. However, development of an intercollegiate athletic program has always been an integral part of Rose college life. In the next few issues, I'm going to review the history of sports at Rose Poly.

For instance, Rose has played pennant-winning baseball since 1891 when the Fightin' Engineers compiled a 4-0 record against teams like Butler, DePauw, and ISU (which was then known as Indiana State Normal). In track, the Rose Poly cindermen continually took firsts at State meets during the years 1890-1900.

The earliest records available are copies of the Rose Technic for the years 1891-1893, Volumes I and II. This was eight years after the opening of the school, but even in this short space of time, Rose already had a name for excellence in education and fierce competition in sports. The Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association was in its second year and it was one of the earliest organized athletic programs in the country.

Participation in athletics has never been as strongly emphasized as it was back in the early years of the school. Over 90% of the students were members of the Athletic Association. The Freshmen-Sophomore games were emphasized as a highlight of the school year and as always, the sophomores won.

Rose was always the smallest of any of the schools that played but they were more often than not the winners of the contests.

Fierce rivalry between all four classes led to the establishment of an intramural program and it almost stole the spotlight from the varsity athletes.

The Engineers played quite a variety of opponents in those days. Included on the schedule were local branches of the YMCA's, local high schools, and Indianapolis schools. The first inter-collegiate schedules weren't organized on a big scale until a few years after the turn of the century.

Football was just in its beginnings

and the games often turned into actual battles and near riots. As a result it was almost dropped from the list of extra-curricular activities. The players wore almost a minimum of padding and this lack of protection accounted for frequent injuries. Rose did not belong to an inter-collegiate football conference, so the games were mostly intramural. In the next issue I'll look at Rose sports during the first ten years of this century, 1900-1910.

SPORTSLIGHT

by Tom Curry
SUPER SUNDAY?

It is said that about seventy-five per cent of the enjoyment of some event comes from the anticipation of that event. So it was with Super Sunday. The different advertising media gave more notoriety to this event than was given to Christmas. The sports enthusiasts in this country reminded me of children on Christmas morning scratching and tearing at the packages left by a white-bearded, round-bellied old elf. But - what happened, it turned out to be another "practical" Christmas. The bubble, which contained all the kids' dreams and visions of a "toyful" Christmas, burst giving way to the reality that they would have to be satisfied with clothes this year. The day that was to highlight three of the best professional sports teams in the country slipped into mediocrity.

The long-awaited afternoon began with the world-renowned Harlem Globetrotters. The antics of these basketball magicians is an awesome sight to see - once, or maybe twice. The third time (and the fourth, and the fifth, etc.) loses almost all its charm. At best, this exhibition was merely a prelude to the "fabulous" Super Bowl. To

me it was just an average afternoon of football. The World-Champion Packers had played keener competition every Sunday afternoon in the NFL than they did on this "Super" Sunday. Perhaps the most important thing gained from the afternoon was the answering of the long-posed question. Which league is really the better league, the NFL or the AFL? However, most of us felt that the real question was "How badly would the Packers beat the Chiefs?" The question has now been officially answered, since the Chiefs were befeathered by a 35-10 score. Yes, sports lovers, the NFL is the better league. Beyond this fact, "Super Sunday" was no different from any other Sunday.

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